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Subject: FW: NVT Request for Data

Jamey and Mat, I hope EPA will also point this out in its comments. Heather

From: Joel Massmann [mailto:joel@ketawaters.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 12:26 PM
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Subject: RE: NVT Request for Data

Thanks, Heather.

I noted in reviewing the PDEIS that the authors point out that "The groundwater model is the cornerstone of the groundwater quantity and flow analysis for the proposed project." (Section 3.5.3.3.1). They may not have directly used the model files, but they certainly are relying heavily on the model results. The Arcadis report that describes the model is not sufficient to fully evaluate the model or its reliability.

Joel

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Ms. Kendall,

We have diligently reviewed the specific information request for the groundwater model files that are described on Page 14 of the Arcadis report. This information is not something that we currently have or have ever had in our possession. We have determined that this information does not constitute underlying data used by the contractor in developing any report used for the preliminary draft supplemental environmental impact statement. We have confirmed that our contractor (including subcontractors) did not see the model file and/or use it to develop the preliminary draft. In addition, it is not normal practice for the contractor to run another company's model for NEPA work. Therefore, we have determined that the specific information requested by the Native Village of Tyonek does not constitute any of the forms of data or information that the cooperating agencies are entitled to review under the terms of the memorandum of agreement. We are still reviewing NVT's request for a time extension to review the preliminary draft (letter dated December 21, 2015).

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